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Family members are reunited after the chaos that ensued when two explosions went off at the finish line. / GETTY IMAGES

Boston tragedy

Boston Marathon explosions. Three confirmed killed and more than 100 injured as two explosions rock the finish line one of the world's most prestigious road races. **A city mourns.** An 8-year-old was reportedly among the casualties. Several victims had limbs amputated at horrific scene. PAGES 06-09

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NEWS

D.A. charges 10 for faking injuries in SEPTA accident

Busted. Ten people were charged after video from a bus accident allegedly showed personal injury claims were fraudulent.

Think twice before you fake it, said District Attorney Seth Williams.

Ten passengers were charged with personal injury fraud in connection with an incident on April 5, 2010, involving the route C SEPTA bus. Nine have been arrested, and the tenth is still at large.

Officials released surveillance video Monday they say shows that the 10 riders faked their injuries. The video shows the bus driving north on Broad Street and striking an abandoned newsstand.

"Video inside the bus shows that no one made movements that would go along with an injury," Williams said.

A mirror and a window were damaged in the incident. Four of the individuals were not on the bus at the time of the accident.

The 10 settlements sought compensation ranging from $5,000 to $225,000.

James B. Jordan, SEPTA general counsel, said SEPTA has a high volume of minor bus accidents and receives roughly about 500 claims a month. He said the company is already seeing a 10 percent drop in claims with the help of video surveillance.

Jordan said that by the end of the year, 90 percent of SEPTA vehicles will be camera-ready.

"If you're on SEPTA, you're on camera," Jordan said.

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District Attorney Seth Williams and SEPTA officials shows video evidence of fraud. / RIKARD LARMA

Honor

Penn official named to Hall of Fame

University of Pennsylvania's athletic director Steve Bilsky has been named to the National Jewish Sports Hall of Fame. "This is an overwhelming honor," Bilsky said in a statement. "To join a group that spans my heroes growing up, to athletes I competed against, to colleagues I have worked with, makes me proud and humbled." He will be inducted Sunday.

Police say M16 weapon is missing

This weapon is similar to the M16 that has gone missing.
PHILADELPHIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

An audit of 1,356 M16 assault rifles the military gifted to Philadelphia police revealed one of the firearms is missing, Commissioner Charles Ramsey announced Monday.

"It could be an inventory issue, although we're going through everything we can and so far we have still not located it," Ramsey said. "My biggest fear, obviously, is that it was stolen by one of my own members."

The M16 was stored at the Philadelphia Police Training Academy inside a locker equipped with an alarm, a deadbolt and a keypad lock.

Officials will now install surveillance cameras. The odds the gun was stolen and ended up on the street are slim, Ramsey said. "But the fact is, it shouldn't be anywhere other than in that vault, period."

Officials are converting the M16s to AR-15s for officers to use in active shooter situations. "That's why we have them," Ramsey said. "That's why we asked for them. But we also have the responsibility to make sure that we maintain them and that we keep track of them."

ALEX WIGGLESWORTH

Local tweet

"Due to technical issues with websites today, PA residents can file personal income taxes on April 16 without penalty."

@GOVERNORCORBETT, GOV. TOM CORBETT, AFTER THE STATE REVENUE DEPARTMENT WEBSITE CRASHED YESTERDAY

Home invasion

Teen abducted in home invasion

An 18-year-old man was abducted early yesterday morning after five gunmen burst into a Juniata Park home and tied up two other occupants. Police said the teen was dropped off at his uncle's house a short time later. METRO

AVI

Property assessments questioned

The Crosstown Coalition of Taxpayers and several members of City Council will this evening urge a review of real estate values to be conducted independently from the Office of Property Assessments. METRO

Arrest

Cell phone photo nets robbery suspect

Homeless man Sabu Shealy, who allegedly burglarized the home of a 49-year-old Hartranft woman on March 30, turned himself in. The homeowner allegedly took his photo mid-crime. METRO

Sabu Shealy, 34
PHILADELPHIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Scorned

Woman allegedly called 911 for divorce

State police cited an Erie County woman for disorderly conduct after she allegedly called 911 to request a divorce. The woman is also accused of asking for police to make her husband leave. METRO

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Charter schools rally for renewal and expansion

Education. Students and teachers from charter schools protest outside district headquarters, fighting for charter renewal.

Charter schools need to expand, supporters cried outside of the city's school district headquarters yesterday.

Hundreds rallied for the School Reform Commission to approve charter-school renewal and expansion requests at its upcoming April 18 meeting. The schools say waiting lists contain thousands of names.

Hundreds rallied for charter schools. / RIKARD LARMA

Sixteen schools are eligible for renewal this year. Fourteen of the 16 are seeking modifications or expansions.

"Tell the SRC and the school district of Philadelphia and special-interests groups to get out of the children's way," said Naomi Booker, CEO of the Global Leadership Academy Charter School. "Let them get in." The School District is in the process of reviewing this year's charter applications, according to a statement.

"At this time the School District has not made a decision on when it will consider charter seat expansions," according to the statement.

District officials say they face a $304 million gap.

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Fight for Philly protests on tax day

Marsha Jones signs a petition as Lindsay Duchac, center, and Che Saitta, left, look on. Activists from Fight for Philly are distributing leaflets and collecting signatures protesting the tax cut to businesses in Gov. Tom Corbett's budget at the 30th St. Post Office in West Philadelphia. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER

Security

City will step up security after Boston Marathon

In the wake of yesterday's Boston Marathon explosions, the city will step up security at the Broad Street Run on May 5, Mayor Michael Nutter said. Officials are also monitoring key historic sites but said there have been no threats specific to Philadelphia.
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On trial. Media spotlight swings to abortion doctor

A city medical examiner described fetal body parts stored in pet-food containers during his testimony on Monday at a murder trial that has drawn a national spotlight after anti-abortion groups complained that it was being ignored by the media.

The graphic testimony came in the fifth week of the murder trial of Dr. Kermit Gosnell, 72, who is charged with killing seven infants and a female patient a West Philadelphia abortion clinic.

"It was the first time I had to deal with fetuses that were frozen and that I had to thaw out," testified Philadelphia Chief Medical Examiner Sam Gulino.

Anti-abortion advocates have criticized media coverage of the trial, claiming bias.

REUTERS

Dr. Kermit Gosnell

Charges

Gosnell has been in jail since he was charged in January 2011 after a grand jury probe.

- He is on trial on 26 charges, including eight counts of murder for the deaths of seven infants and a female patient.
- If convicted, Gosnell faces the death penalty.

Jackie Robinson honored

Children from area schools gathered around a statue of Jackie Robinson during a celebration of Jackie Robinson Day yesterday at the Philadelphia Stars Negro League Memorial Park in West Philadelphia. The event included speeches and raffles. CHARLES MOSTOLLER

Surprise. Unlikely support for Sen. Toomey after gun bill

Sen. Pat Toomey, R–Pa., has taken heat from fellow conservatives after introducing bipartisan legislation requiring universal gun-sale background checks.

The Philadelphia-based Independence Hall Tea Party Association released a statement defending Toomey.

"While we understand the legitimate concerns of many of our friends in the center/right coalition, we also think that Sen. Toomey, by taking a leadership role in developing this bill, has done a superb job in defending the Second Amendment," Independence Hall Tea Party Association President Teri Adams said.

ALEX WIGGLESWORTH

Homicides

Two weekend victims identified

Police identified two men killed in separate shooting incidents early Sunday morning as Adrian Zamora, 24, and Jasper Long, 31. METRO

Public safety

Police seek info

Police are investigating two incidents last week of suspicious males in vehicles near St. Katharine of Sienna School in Wayne. A man was seen taking cell-phone photos of kids while another was staring at children. METRO

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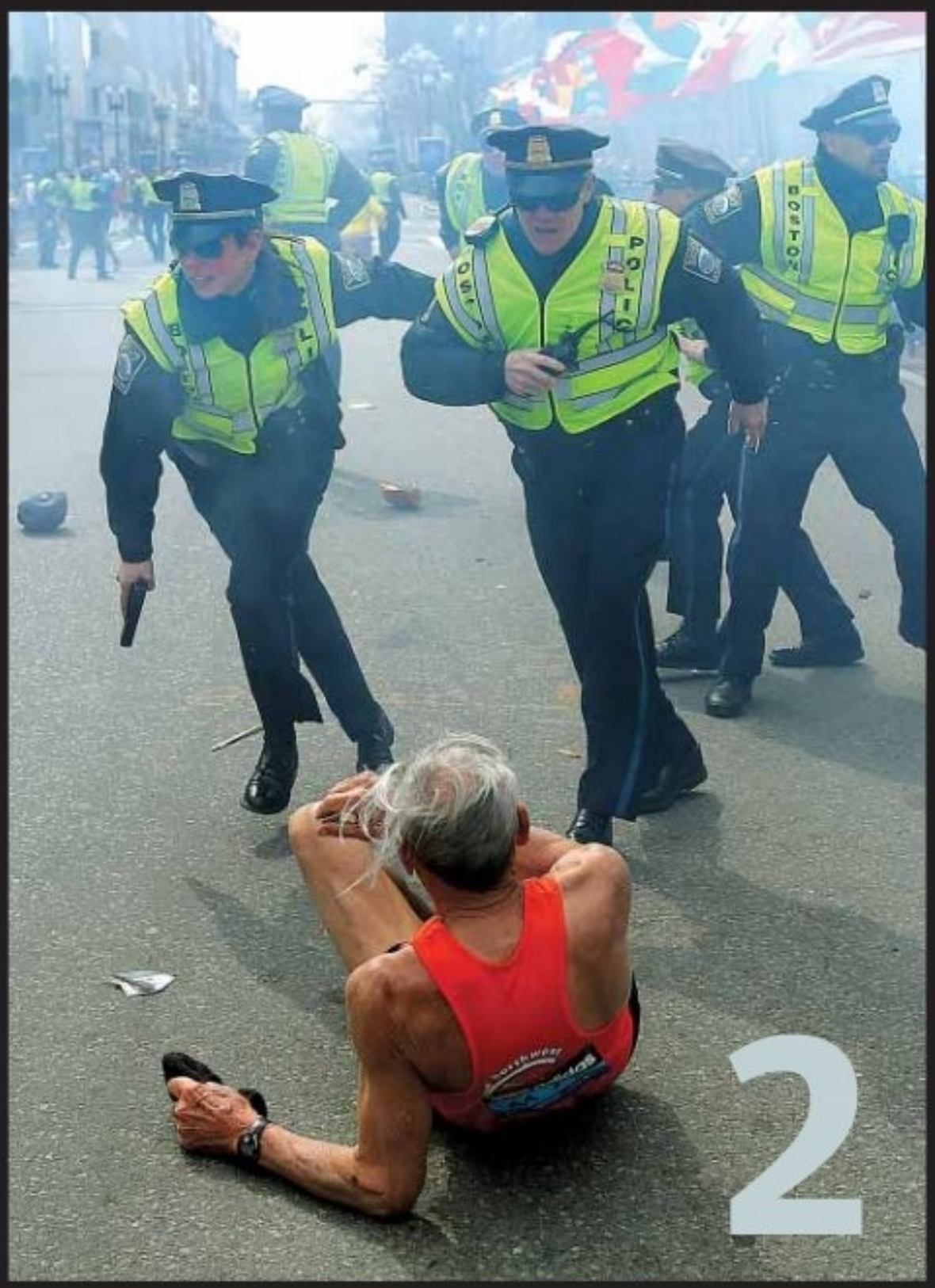
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Marathon dreams become a nightmare

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Three killed in Boston

Smoke billows down Boylston Street yesterday during the Marathon. / GETTY IMAGES

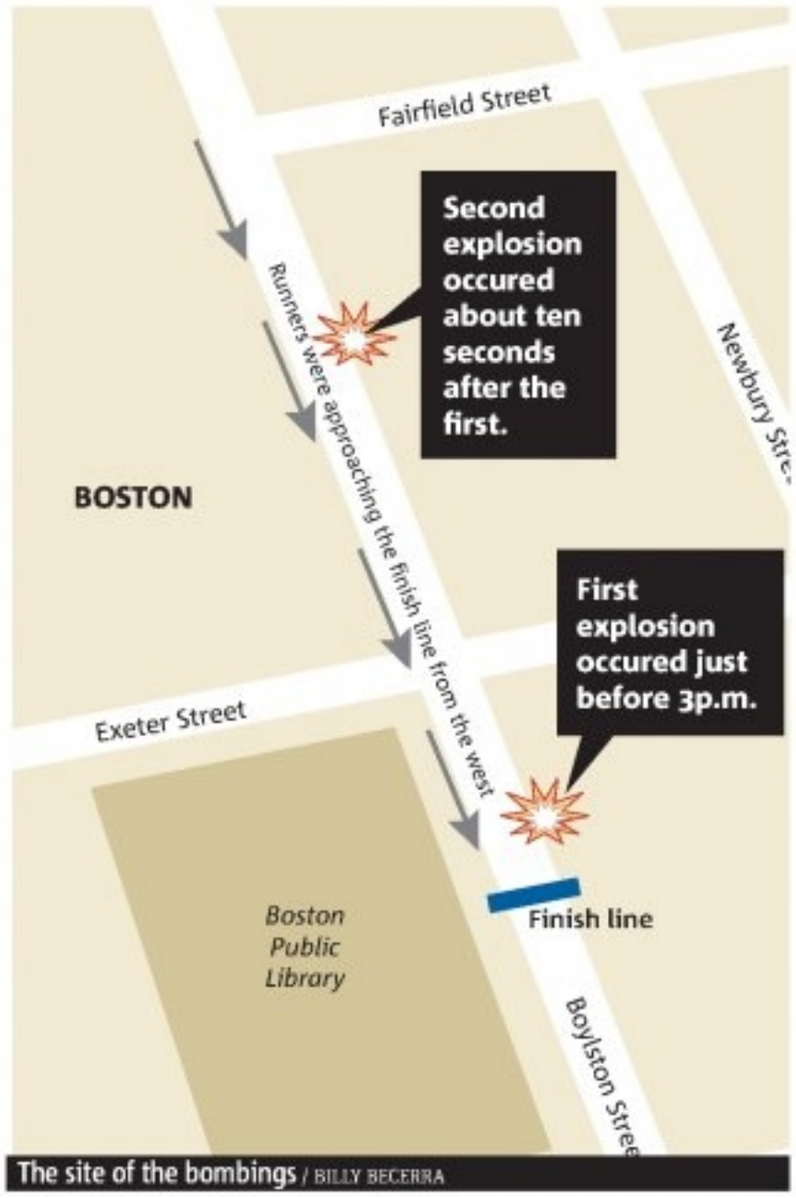
Boston bombings. Hundreds injured in yesterday's finish line blast as a nation wonders why.

Two blasts, three deaths and more than 100 injuries changed the face of the Boston Marathon yesterday, perhaps forever.

Around 2:50 p.m., simultaneous explosions, between 50 and 100 yards apart from each other, bellowed through the crowded finish line of the Boston Marathon. About 141 people were being treated at Boston hospitals yesterday night, including more than a dozen who were critically hurt.

One of the three dead was reportedly an 8-year-old boy.

As of last night, no suspects were in custody,



The site of the bombings / BILLY BECERRA

and officials did not speculate as to who was responsible for the attack.

"There are a lot of questions, questions we wish we could answer," said U.S. Attorney Carmen Ortiz. "This is a very thorough and active and fluid ongoing investigation. A lot of information is being sought, and there has been a bit of misinformation. We don't want to add to that misinformation."

When asked if the bombings were considered a terrorist attack, Boston Police Commissioner Ed Davis said, "We're not being definitive on this right now. You can reach your own conclusions based upon what happened."

The FBI's special agent in charge Richard DesLauriers said the criminal investigation was being treated as a "potential terrorist investigation."

He also encouraged Boston residents to have a heightened state of vigilance in the coming days.

President Barack Obama called Gov. Patrick and Mayor Thomas Menino following the attacks, assuring them the cooperation of the FBI. Patrick said the state police and the National Guard were fully deployed.

Obama addressed the nation around 6:10 p.m., calling the deaths a "senseless loss."

"We still do not know who did this or why. And people shouldn't jump to conclusions before we have all the facts. But make no mistake — we will get to the bottom of this," Obama said. "And we will find out who did this; we'll find out why they did this. Any responsible individuals, any responsible groups will feel the full weight of justice."

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By the numbers

141

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Three people were killed, according to Boston Police Commissioner Ed Davis. One of them was reportedly an 8-year-old boy.

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Massachusetts General Hospital treated 29 victims, four who suffered "traumatic amputations of their legs," according to Dr. Alasdir Conn, chief of Emergency Services.

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Boston Children's Hospital said Monday evening that it was treating eight patients whose conditions ranged from good to serious. They included a 2-year-old boy with a head injury who was in the medical/surgical intensive care unit and a 9-year-old girl with leg trauma who was in surgery.

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Brigham and Women's Hospital treated 28 patients. A hospital statement said nine people had surgery, among them two patients with "injuries that are potentially limb-threatening."

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Boston Medical Center was treating 23 patients, most with lower leg injuries, according to a statement. Seven were listed in fair condition and 16 in serious condition.

Marathon bombings

The president speaks

Obama: 'American people will say a prayer for Boston tonight'

President Barack Obama addressed the nation and promised justice in a televised address Monday night, after three people were killed at the Boston Marathon.

"The American people will say a prayer for Boston tonight," the president said.

Obama was briefed by the FBI and his Homeland Security team, and pledged to provide any federal resources.

"On days like this, there are no Republicans or Democrats, but Americans united in their concern." The president did not characterize the explosions as terrorism, but a White House official later said the situation was being handled as "an act of terror."

"We still do not know who did this or why. ... People should not jump to conclusions before we know the facts," Obama said. "Make no mistake, we will get to the bottom of this. We will find out who did this and why they did this. Any responsible groups will feel the full weight of justice."

The president noted that yesterday was Patriots Day, a holiday that "celebrates the free and fiercely independent spirit that this great American city of Boston has reflected from the earliest days of our nation." AMANDA ART

Twitter reacts

"The thing about #bostonmarathon is, it's one of the few Boston traditions that's as much about the rest of the world as it is about #Boston." @CAULKTHEWAGON

"Thanks to generosity of volunteer blood donors there is currently enough blood on the shelves to meet demand. #BostonMarathon" @REDCROSS

Exhaling. So thankful my pal is ok but wow, my heart hurts for everyone. #bostonmarathon" @JENRAD

"There was an explosion by the finish line about 5 minutes after I finished- I'm ok but I'm sure there are many hurt." @JOEYMCINTYRE

"People running and raising money for charity targeted in this way is awful, simply feel sick to bottom of my stomach #Bostonmarathon" @GOODSHEPHERD

"Don't let some sh*t head(s) take your faith in humanity. Countless people are doing heroic things right now to restore it. #bostonmarathon" @THESCOTTBISHOP

Runner 'just got a ghastly feeling'

At the Hotel Comm on Commonwealth Avenue, the lobby was teeming with detoured runners yesterday afternoon, most on mobile devices, eager to assure their loved ones they were OK after a series of blasts had been reported at the Boston Marathon.

Peregrine Hood, a runner from London, said he was just coming up to Boylston for the final stretch when he knew something was wrong.

"I was getting ready to finish when I heard a bang," he said.

"The headphones were on, the euphoria was setting in and then I just got a ghastly feeling that something was wrong. Then there was massive confusion, people running, so I just stopped and started moving away."

A spectator and runner / JOHN TLUMACKI, THE BOSTON GLOBE VIA GETTY IMAGES

Hood said his first reaction was, "Oh my God. My girlfriend is in the finisher's box."

"She said she literally ran for her life," reported Hood. "There was a terrible uncertainty for about 30 minutes."

Hood said the scene quickly became grim.

"This is a great day in Boston and everyone's merry, but then there was just a certain panic and it turned into what looked like a refugee camp," he said. LINDA LABAN

Big day for Boston

Patriots Day in Boston one of busiest days of year in city

Patriots Day has long had a special meaning in Massachusetts as the Commonwealth celebrates the anniversary of the first battles of the Revolutionary War.

School vacation is scheduled across the state this week and many students come to Boston, Lexington and Concord to participate and view reenactments of war battles. Many local businesses close on the third Monday in April in honor of Patriots Day as well.

The Boston Marathon is run every year on Patriots Day as the day is also known as Marathon Monday to many in and around the city.

The Boston Red Sox also have a unique tradition on Patriots Day, hosting an MLB game at Fenway Park that begins each year at 11:05 a.m. in order for fans to walk from the park to close-by Marathon sight lines in and around Kenmore Square when the game is over. Depending on when the third Monday in April falls, the Bruins and Celtics have also held playoff games on Patriots Day, making it one of the busiest days of the year in the city. The Boston Bruins postponed their regular season game against the Senators Monday night and the Boston Celtics canceled their regular season game against the Pacers, which was to be held tonight at TD Garden. MATT BURKE

Who would do this?

Searching for a suspect

Several media outlets reported that authorities were interviewing at least one person of interest yesterday night, but officials would not confirm those reports.

In an interview with CNN, Rep. Michael McCaul said that at least one person was in custody, but did not elaborate.

CNN later reported that authorities were looking for a foreign national with "darker skin" and backpack.

The New York Post cited law enforcement sources in its report that a 20-year-old Saudi national was under guard at an undisclosed Boston hospital and Fox News reported that the person had suffered severe burns.

The man was caught less than two hours after the bombing, the Post reported, but authorities would not confirm that.

The Los Angeles Times also cited a federal law enforcement official in its report of authorities questioning a Saudi national hospitalized with injuries. The person was not identified as a suspect.

A very large police presence was seen outside Massachusetts General Hospital just before 8 p.m., including an armed SWAT vehicle and several heavily armed guards.

However, those authorities dispersed a short time later.

Metro could not confirm whether any persons of interest were being treated at any Boston hospitals last night. METRO

Poll. Opinion of federal government hits record low

Americans' opinion of the federal government has fallen to a record low even as they continue to view local and state governments favorably, according to Pew Research Center survey released on Monday.

Just 28 percent of Americans rate the government in Washington favorably, the lowest percentage ever in a Pew survey and down 5 percentage points from a year ago, Pew said in a statement.

The favorability rating has fallen steadily from a high of 82 percent in November 2001, after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on the United States. **REUTERS**

G20 summit

Obama to meet with Putin in Russia in September

President Barack Obama will meet with Russian President Vladimir Putin in September when he travels to Russia for the G20 summit, the White House said yesterday.

The United States is pressing Russia to use its influence to help reduce tensions with North Korea. Washington and Moscow are also at odds over the civil war in Syria. The announcement of the September meeting came after Obama's national security adviser Tom Donilon held discussions with Putin and other leaders during a trip to Russia. **REUTERS**

US Supreme Court declines to hear NY gun rights case

Gun control is currently in the public eye following the Sandy Hook Elementary School shootings in Newtown, Conn., four months ago.
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Guns. The decision not to hear the New York case does not mean it could not take up the same legal question later.

Staying out of the raging national debate over guns, the Supreme Court yesterday declined to weigh in on whether gun owners have a constitutional right to carry handguns outside the home.

The court decided not to hear a challenge to a New York state law that requires those who want to carry a concealed handgun to show they have a special reason before they can get a license.

The gun owners challenging the law said that the right to bear arms enshrined in the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution is not limited to the right to keep a handgun at home.

In recent years, the Supreme Court has expanded gun rights, first by finding in the 2008 District of Columbia v. Heller case that the Second Amendment guaranteed an individual right to bear arms and then ruling two years later in McDonald v. City of Chicago, that the earlier ruling applied to the states.

Gun control is currently in the public eye following the Sandy Hook Elementary School shootings in Newtown, Conn., four months ago, and President Barack Obama's subsequent decision to push for legislation to curb gun violence.

The Senate begins debate on Monday on gun control legislation that would expand background checks for gun buyers. **REUTERS**

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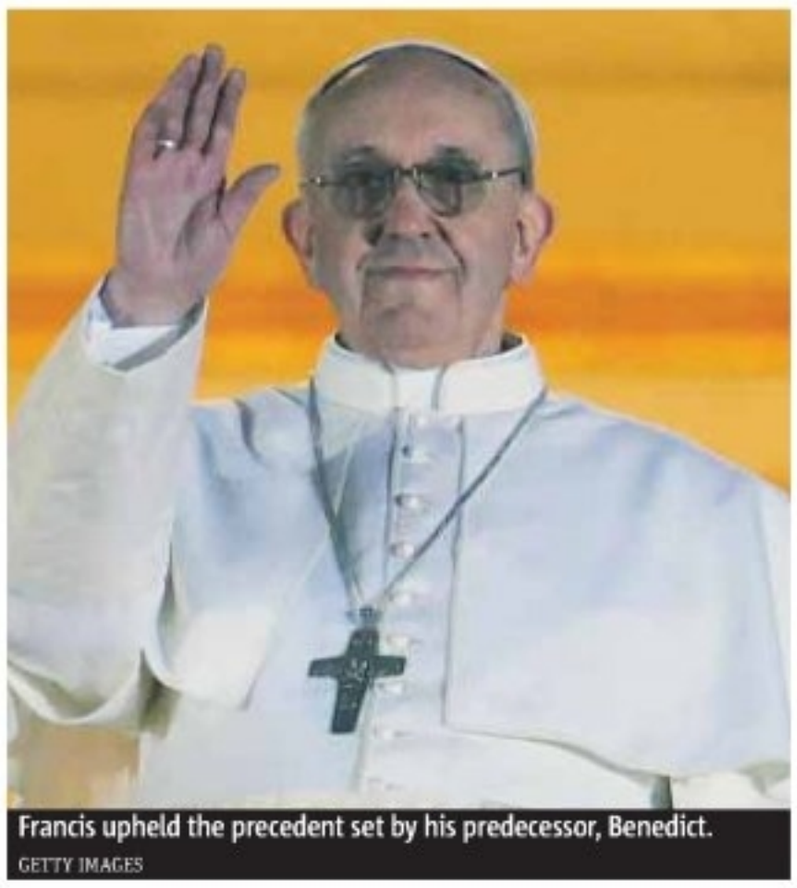
Pope keeps belief firm on reforming 'radical' nuns

Vatican. The U.S. nuns' leaders were accused of a "feminist" agenda.

Pope Francis has reaffirmed the Vatican's criticism of a body that represents U.S. nuns which the Church said was tainted by "radical" feminism, dashing hopes he might take a softer stand with the sisters.

Francis's predecessor, Benedict, decreed that the Leadership Conference of Women Religious, a group that represents more than 80 percent of the 57,000 Catholic nuns in the United States, must change its ways, a ruling which the Vatican said on Monday still applied.



Francis upheld the precedent set by his predecessor, Benedict.
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Last year, a Vatican report said the LCWR had "serious doctrinal problems" and promoted "radical feminist themes incompatible with the Catholic faith," criticizing it for taking a soft line on issues such as birth control and homosexuality.

The nuns received wide support among American Catholics, particularly on the liberal wing of the Church, as LCWR leaders traveled around the United States in a bus to defend themselves against the accusations. **REUTERS**

Conflict. N. Korea issues new threats on founder's birthday

North Korea made new threats of military action yesterday as the reclusive nation celebrated the anniversary of its founder's birth, stoking tension on the peninsula with a new "ultimatum" to South Korea in the standoff over its nuclear program.

The latest statement from Pyongyang followed threats of nuclear attacks on the United States, South Korea and Japan, after new U.N. sanctions were imposed in response to Pyongyang tested a nuclear weapon in February.

"Our retaliatory action will start without any notice from now," North Korea's state news agency KCNA said yesterday, noting actions would "start immediately."

The statement was issued by the official North Korean news agency KCNA after signs that Pyongyang may be presenting a less warlike stance on the "Day of the Sun," the date the North's founder Kim Il-Sung was born. Although many Pyongyang watchers had expected a big military parade to showcase North Korea's armed forces, the day was marked in Pyongyang with a festival of flowers named after Kim.

The United States has offered talks, but on the pre-condition that North Korea abandon its nuclear weapons ambitions. North Korea deems its nuclear arms a "treasured sword" and has vowed never to give them up. Nevertheless, Secretary of State John Kerry, ending a trip to the region dominated by concern about North Korea, stressed his interest in a diplomatic solution. **REUTERS**

Dozens of South Korean activists hold anti-North Korea placards and chant slogans during an anti-Pyongyang rally in Seoul yesterday.
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Global warming

The ice melt can increase dramatically once temperatures hit a tipping point. / GETTY IMAGES

Scientists find Antarctic summer ice is melting faster

The summer ice melt in parts of Antarctica is at its highest level in 1,000 years, Australian and British researchers reported yesterday, adding new evidence of the impact of global warming on sensitive Antarctic glaciers and ice shelves.

Researchers from the Australian National University and the British Antarctic Survey found data taken from an ice core also shows the summer ice melt has been 10 times more intense over the past 50 years compared with 600 years ago.

"It's definitely evidence that the climate and the environment is changing in this part of Antarctica," lead researcher Nerilie Abram said.

Abram and her team drilled a 400-yard deep ice core on James Ross Island, near the northern tip of the Antarctic Peninsula, to measure historical temperatures and compare them with summer ice melt levels in the area.

They found that, while the temperatures have gradually increased by 2.9 degrees Fahrenheit over 600 years, the rate of ice melting has been most intense over the past 50 years.

That shows the ice melt can increase dramatically in climate terms once temperatures hit a tipping point. **REUTERS**

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Networking. It's not too late to find a great summer internship.

Spring breezes have finally arrived and students are scrambling to find the perfect internship. Maureen Dumas is the vice president of experiential education and career services at Johnson and Wales University, and she says that students still have time to aim for a killer summer internship — if they get engaged and use the tools available. In particular, Dumas recommends that students be prepared, approach every speaker or lecturer as a networking opportunity and take advantage of every resource they can get their hands on. Here are her tips on how to land that last-minute summer gig:

Talk to the experts.
The greatest advice for students this time of year is that they have to move quickly and also be methodical about it. Many students take for granted what's right at their fingertips at the career services office. The staff members there are experts in helping students find excellent summer opportunities, so they'll know if there are companies looking for interns. The staff will also know if another student turned down a particular internship, so they'll have an insider's view on opportunities for students in all majors.

Don't be afraid to network your heart out.
Networking is a critical skill for students to learn, and there are a variety of chances that can lead to a networking moment. For example, if there is a speaker on campus, there will certainly be a chance to open it up for students to speak with the person. In this case, a student should be able to speak knowledgeably about that individual's company. If the company has a new product or a new CEO, students should mention that when they speak to them and have some insight as to what effect that might have on the industry. Students need to show that they've done some research and that they're current as to what's happening right now. They should have a business card on hand and follow up almost immediately with an email to ask them about the summer internship that might be available.

It pays to just show up.
If students are professionally dressed, have a résumé on hand. I've had students who've had success going to nonprofits or independently owned companies to show their interest. If you're taking the time to do a cold call, though, you want to be optimistic and positive and not pushy. There's a little bit of luck in that, but I've seen it work.

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Advice

Do your homework

Students need to make sure they know what's happening at any company they want to work for. Whatever the trend is in the market — growth or decline — students should be able to speak knowledgeably about it and put it in context.

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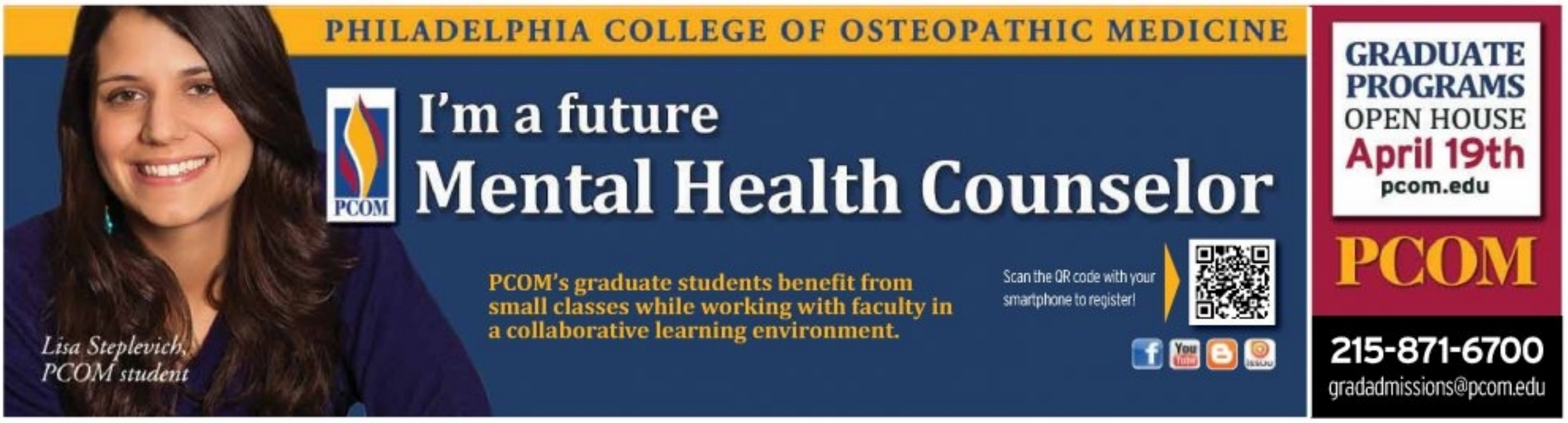
"Internships are important because it gives students the opportunity to apply the theory they learned in the classroom in a real-world setting." Maureen Dumas



Big Brother is watching you read

College. A new tool lets professors track students' study habits.

With CourseSmart, professors can see exactly what (and if) students are reading.
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Students have myriad excuses for not doing homework — the Internet was down, the printer is broken, the dog ate it. While teachers still can't guess the real reason why a paper is late, they can now know when students haven't opened their textbooks.

CourseSmart, a digital course-materials provider, allows teachers to track students' e-book progress. Using CourseSmart Analytics, faculty can measure engagement with materials, including how long someone's been reading, average page views and how often notes are taken.

The goal is to help teachers assess which students are at risk for falling behind and pinpoint their study habits early on. By using the analytics in conjunction with other factors like class participation, quizzes and assignments, they can work with students to improve performance, explains marketing senior vice president Cindy Clarke.

"In college it's very easy to fall behind quickly, especially in classes that are heavy on reading," Clarke tells Mashable. "Here, the instructor will see if students are actually consuming the assigned material. Intervention can make the difference whether they stay in class."

The software works with CourseSmart e-books, which collaborate with major educational publishers like Pearson, McGraw-Hill Education and Cengage Learning. Teachers have access to a dashboard where they can monitor individual students' engagement.

Analytic data points are especially beneficial for professors with large lecture classes, where the instructor can't interact with every single participant. The dashboard can let teachers view, at a glance, students with the lowest engagement levels, as well as the highest.

"People have different study habits. Some read the e-book but take handwritten notes, and there's no real way to track that," Clarke says. "The analytics are one measure of engagement but shouldn't be taken in isolation."

Students are always on the lookout for easy ways around assignments, whether it's SparkNotes or increasing the font size on 10-page papers. Skimming pages on CourseSmart materials could easily skew the system, but the company says they are working on improving their metrics to prevent runaway scores. Students can also opt out of being tracked.

Quoted

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The answer to whether you should list your grades on your résumé is that it is up to you and it depends on where, and to what, you are applying. Ask yourself: "Are my grades relevant and compelling for this type of work I'm applying to?" Here are some questions to think about when putting together your résumé:

Were your grades particularly outstanding?
Some students and new graduates who have particularly high grades may choose to include them in a résumé as a way of differentiating themselves from others and showing an area of excellence.

Are you trying to emphasize your academic skills?
If you think that your academic skills — writing, researching, analysis — are relevant to the work you want to do and you received strong grades, you may choose to share your grades as some evidence that you have these skills. It might not matter to potential employers whether or not you aced your basket-weaving class, but a strong grade in statistics could matter.

Were your grades a good indicator of what you learned?
If your grades are low, there's a good reason to leave them off of your résumé. Sometimes grades don't reflect what you have learned: They may be low for reasons other than you not mastering the key knowledge or skills in a course (for example, if you had to miss time away from school because of illness).

CATHY KEATES

If your GPA is really outstanding, there's no reason not to share it.
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Ask yourself

Are your job goals related to your major?
The more unrelated your degree is to the job you want, the less likely your grades will be of interest to an employer. Think about whether your grades say anything about what skills and characteristics you have that will allow you to do this job well.

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Sharon Osbourne FINALLY got fed up with Ozzy?

Everyone's favorite heavy metal couple, Ozzy and Sharon Osbourne, are reportedly well on their way to splitting up, according to Radar Online. While Ozzy is said to be living in a rented Beverly Hills mansion, Sharon has been staying at the Beverly Hills Hotel since at least the beginning of this month, sources say. "They are living at different addresses and not spending any time together," a source recently told the Sun. Sharon is believed to be staying at the famous hotel while she decorates a new home — but not the one where Ozzy is staying.

So what is it that put Sharon over the edge? She's been with him since she was 18; she's put up with him biting heads off of bats, dabbling in the occult, locking himself in hotel rooms to binge on drugs and alcohol for months at a time, trying to strangle her(!) — you know, the usual marital complaints. If that didn't break their marriage, what did? Did Ozzy just not recognize Sharon's face anymore? (Actually, my money is on this theory.) For his part, son Jack Osbourne tweeted that this gossip is "bulls—."

THE WORD

Dorothy Robinson's take on the world of gossip

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Lohan's family bonds at Coachella

Lindsay Lohan hit up the first weekend of the Coachella music festival, and despite some former pals being worried for her life if she attended, she seemed to come out of the fest just fine. Lohan was spotted with her 16-year-old brother, Cody, in tow, and sources tell E! News that the troubled actress was aiming for "a healthy, fun time at Coachella" before heading to her court-ordered 90-day rehab stay next month.

I mean. I just. Ugh. I can't. Stay with me here, reader: If the entire world thinks you are a terrible mother (we're talking about you, Dina Lohan), wouldn't you not send your 16-year-old to a drug-filled, rock festival with your known-addict daughter? Wouldn't you take a minute to think about how that appears to the world at large?

I give up. Someone come over here and take me to lunch and get me a job in hotel/restaurant management as I'm done writing about this family.

Real Husband Kevin Hart arrested

Comedian Kevin Hart was arrested for driving under the influence early Sunday morning in Los Angeles, and he wasn't shy about sharing the details after posting bail. "I'm officially a thug. I spent six hours in jail last night," Hart announced on Twitter. "This cop was the worst. He knew who I was and wanted to make an example of me. … When the cop asked me to take the sobriety test I said, 'What, waste our time? I'm drunk, man.'" Hart did also offer some more serious reflection on the night's events: "This is a wake-up call for me. I have to be smarter, and last night I wasn't."

No kids for Ellen

Portia de Rossi tells Out magazine that she and wife Ellen DeGeneres have absolutely no plans to start a family, despite pressure from friends and loved ones. "You have to really want to have kids, and neither of us did. So it's just going to be me and Ellen and no babies," de Rossi tells the magazine. "There comes some pressure in your mid-30s, and you think, 'Am I going to have kids so I don't miss out on something that other people really seem to love?' Or is it that I really genuinely want to do this with my whole heart? I didn't feel that my response was 'yes' to the latter." Dina Lohan, are you listening?

2 CULTURE

Twitter feed

Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Elizabeth Banks likes Brad Pitt's voice, Mindy Kaling is handing out career advice, Albert Brooks doesn't have a joke for this and Kevin Nealon is redecorating.

@ElizabethBanks: Huh, Brad Pitt would make an amazing radio man. Ah, but a waste of that face.

@mindykaling: If Kobe retires he should make movies with cartoon characters like Rocky & Bullwinkle

@AlbertBrooks: Justin Bieber said he hoped Anne Frank would have been a fan. I really want to kill myself.

@kevin_nealon: Replacing all the mirrors in my house with various people who just tell me I look tired and pasty.

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Science Carnival After Dark

This party is for the grown-ups. "The kickoff carnival is a chance for the 18 and older crowd to be a kid again," says Josette Hammerstone, the festival's production manager. "And then of course there's the Yards beer. Each year, Yards makes a beer for us and we get to give it a geeky name. This year it's Pythagorean Beerem, which is a Belgian Ale." The carnival will also give guests a taste of what they can expect over

After school

For the kids

While the beer tastings are for a 21-and-up crowd, there are plenty of options for the youngsters, too, including hands-on after-school activities that might trick the kids into learning a thing or two — even if it feels like fun. For a full list of events and to buy tickets, head to **www.philasciencefestival.org.**

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"Sounds Made Up"

Local historians are teaming up with Philly Improv Theater comedians to share the unbelievable true tales of science history. "It's a great opportunity for historians to really shine in a new way. And it gives the comedians some really challenging new material to work with," says Hammerstone.
April 25, 7 p.m., $5-$7, Chemical Heritage Foundation, 315 Chestnut St.

Astronomy Night

"It's one of the craziest but most awesome nights," says Hammerstone. "The idea for Astronomy Night is that it's science in its most natural form." There will be astronomers set up at about 20 locations equipped with telescopes and knowledge about the night sky.

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TV picks

"Don't Be Tardy" for the season premiere of "Real Housewives" star Kim Zolciak's spin-off reality series. / FILMMAGIC

SPECIAL

'In Performance at the White House'

Justin Timberlake, Alabama Shakes, Queen Latifah and plenty of others converge to celebrate Memphis soul music from the 1960s, with Booker T. Jones serving as the event's band leader.
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REALITY

'Don't Be Tardy...'

Kim Zolciak and hubby Kory are welcoming a new baby. Meanwhile, Zolciak's mother demands court-ordered visitation rights. But all we care about is what brilliant song will join the ranks of "Don't Be Tardy for the Party" and "Google Me." **SEASON PREMIERE, 9 P.M., BRAVO**

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Make some noise

Cinema. Composer Brendan Cooney revives a lost mixed-media art.

The advent of sound in film killed silent cinema before giving it a chance to fully come into its own as a distinct and expressive art form. The same could be said for the art of accompanying silent films with live music — an improvisatory approach using a collage of styles that was soon replaced by composed scores.

Boston composer/pianist Brendan Cooney created Not-So-Silent Cinema to revive that lost musical art, creating new scores for an ever-changing ensemble to accompany classic films. "Live film scoring was a really short-lived performance tradition that only lasted for a couple of decades in history and was forgotten once sound films came out," Cooney says. "But it's a really cool mixed-media way of doing music and visual art that has its own unique parameters. I like the challenge."

Not-So-Silent Cinema began in Philadelphia while Cooney lived here and played a collage of music: tango, klezmer, jazz and the Balkan brass of the West Philadelphia Orchestra. He drafted several of his bandmates from that ensemble for his first silent film project, a score to the

Quoted

"I wanted to capture an urban Americana feel reminiscent of early 20th-century American music."

Brendan Cooney, on scoring Buster Keaton films for Not-So-Silent Cinema

Brendan Cooney surrounds himself with sound. / NIKOLAI FOX

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Soviet classic "Battleship Potemkin," and followed that with soundtracks for "Nosferatu" and "The Mark of Zorro" before leaving for Boston in 2011.

Cooney's latest project, being performed in Philly this week, is a score for three Buster Keaton shorts. The pianist will be joined by clarinetist Andy Bergman and banjo player Kyle Tuttle.

"Buster Keaton's short films are set in early 1920s American landscapes," Cooney says, "so I wanted to capture an urban Americana feel reminiscent of early 20th-century American music. I wanted New Orleans jazz, hot jazz, swing, blues, ragtime, bluegrass, blues, klezmer — so I was looking for instrumentation that was able to capture all those vibes."

The films

'The Goat'

Keaton is mistaken for a wanted criminal, leading to a raucous chase. It features the famous image of the slapstick star sitting stoically on the front of a moving train.

'The High Sign'

Keaton is recruited by a secret society to assassinate a millionaire, who just happens to have hired him as a bodyguard. Hijinks ensue, of course.

'One Week'

One of Keaton's most famous films: Anarchy ensues when a pair of newlyweds attempts to build a prefab house, which spins wildly in a violent rainstorm.

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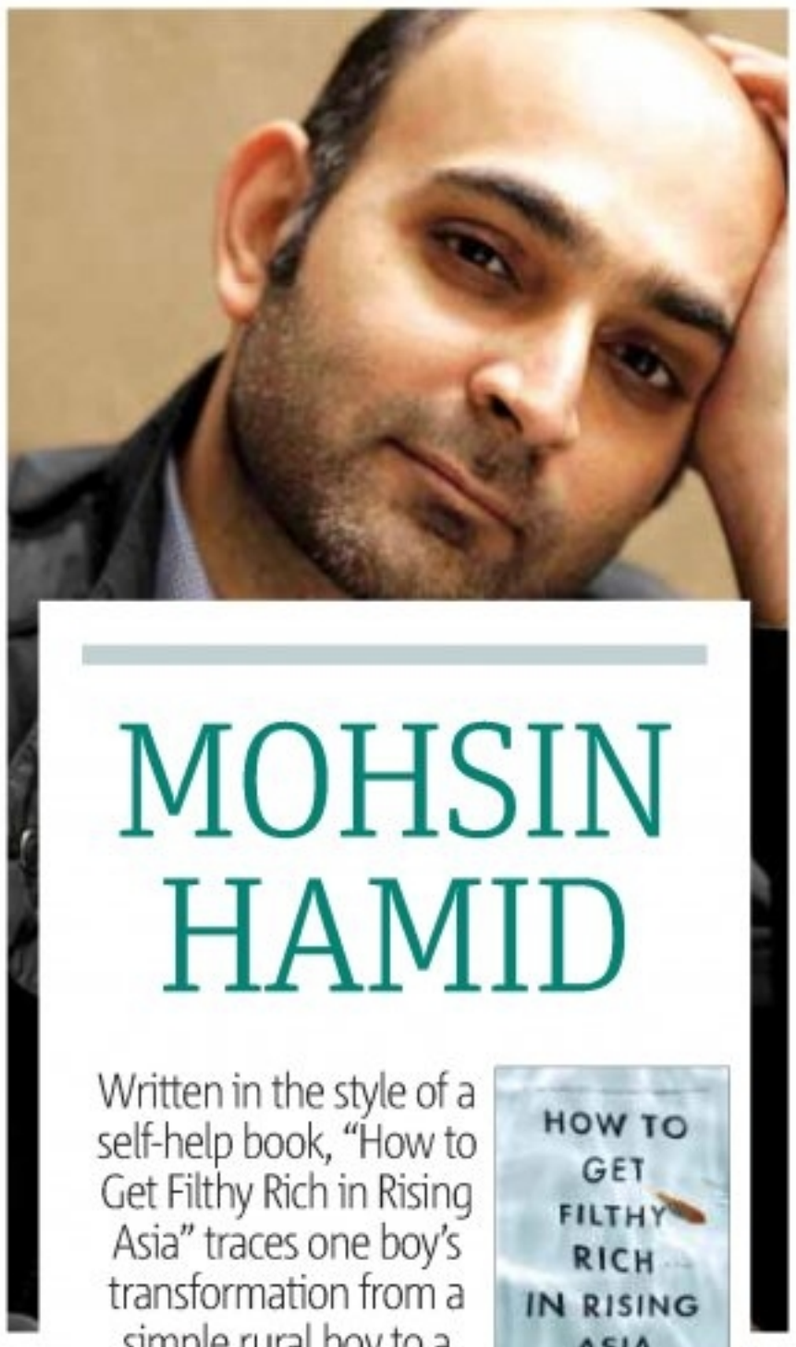
The nameless protagonist in Pakistani native Mohsin Hamid's third novel, "How to Get Filthy Rich in Rising Asia," leaves his poor village behind for the glamor of the big city. Written in the style of a self-help book, the story traces the boy's transformation from a simple rural boy to a swank urban tycoon. Along the way, Hamid's funny, poignant novel explores Asian urbanization, materialism, love and loss.

Can you tell us a bit about your inspiration?
I wanted to write a novel about the huge changes in Asia and much of the world. Billions of people are moving out of the countryside, moving to huge cities, and starting new lives in a new urban environment. The city I was born in had about a million people when I was born 41 years ago, and it has 10 million today. The same thing that happened to America in the 20th century, when people were leaving the countryside for the cities, is now playing itself out in Asia, Latin America and Africa. There are more economic opportunities in the city.

Not many books are written in the second person. What was your reason for this?
On the surface, the novel is about urbanization and the ferociousness of the market. But underneath that, it is a spiritual quest — how does one find happiness in the midst of this dislocation and materialism? It is really about trying to find some antidote to the anxiety we all feel. It was important for me to be able to talk to the reader. It allows a kind of honesty between us.

What about the character of "the pretty girl"? She's an important thread throughout the book.
She is the boy's female counterpart. She's living in a slum and wants to get out and eventually works her way up and starts her own business. She's ferociously independent, but still has the need for connection and intimacy. There are more and more women breaking away from cultural traditions, and the changing the economy allows them to make a living. She's part of that trend.

What are your attitudes about this cultural shift?
The market is essentially about self-centeredness, but life is also about loss. We need some narrative about loss — previously our traditional folk stories or religion provided this, but if we're leaving behind our villages, can stories do the same? This novel is an exploration of that. One way we center ourselves is love. It can be romantic love, children, it can be a cause.



MOHSIN HAMID

Written in the style of a self-help book, "How to Get Filthy Rich in Rising Asia" traces one boy's transformation from a simple rural boy to a swank urban tycoon.

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Fiesta Old Town Cinco de Mayo

One of the best places to celebrate Cinco de Mayo (north of the border) is positively San Diego from May 3 to 5. Fiesta Old Town is a three-day street fair with exhibitions, performances, carnivals and a party-hearty atmosphere.

2 Po'Boy Festival

New Orleans is known for the booze and beads of Mardi Gras, but for a more authentic taste of the Big Easy, check out the Po'Boy Festival in November. Festivalgoers gather on Oak Street for a daylong celebration of the city's iconic submarine sandwich, filled with Louisiana hot sausage, fried shrimp or oysters, and root beer-glazed ham. Or try a souped-up banh mi po'boy adapted by New Orleans' Vietnamese families. Once you've had your fill, you can dance the night away in the streets.

3 Food and Wine Classic

Aspen is a posh mountain setting that's spectacular in the summer. With tastings and cooking demonstrations, this iconic weekend food fest held in June is a "sun-up to sun-down paradise for food and wine lovers," says Nancy Wall Hopkins, senior deputy food and entertaining editor for Better Homes and Gardens. "But it's not for lightweights or beginners," she adds. "I go with my smartest foodie friends to learn, savor, trade food secrets, and hang with the brightest food minds." The caveat? Tickets are $1,250 each.

4 Music City Festival & BBQ Championship

Nashville has an amazingly rich musical history, and locals proudly celebrate that tradition during this annual August event. Of course you can check out live music any night of the week in Nashville, but there's something special about enjoying it on the banks of the Cumberland River with the buzz of the crowd. And aspiring chefs can take part in the barbecue competition, so now's the time to perfect that special sauce.

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2 The desert boots

Clarks Originals suede desert boots, $131, www.asos.com

3 The jeans

Edwin ED80 slim-fit jeans, $200, www.mrporter.com

4 The suit

J.Crew Ludlow jacket, $525, www.jcrew.com; J.Crew Ludlow trousers, $265, www.jcrew.com

5 The Mac

A.P.C. Homme Structured Mac, $470, www.apc.fr

6 The T-shirt

Topman white scoop neck T-shirt, $14, www.topman.com

7 The brogue

Loake Chester brogue, $314, loake.co.uk

8 The knit

Muji crew neck, $54, www.muji.us

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Ben Sherman EC1 slim chino, $225, www.bensherman.com

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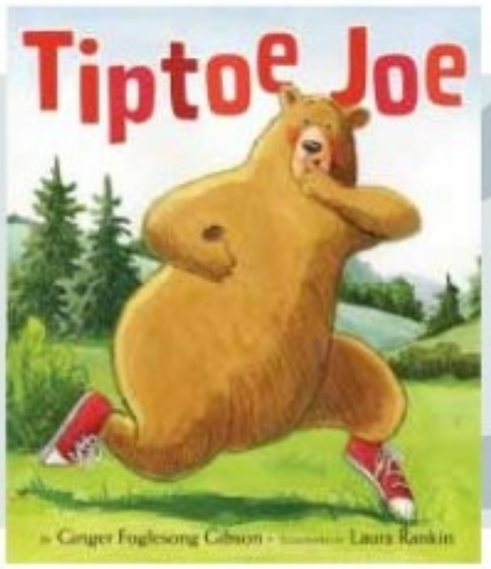
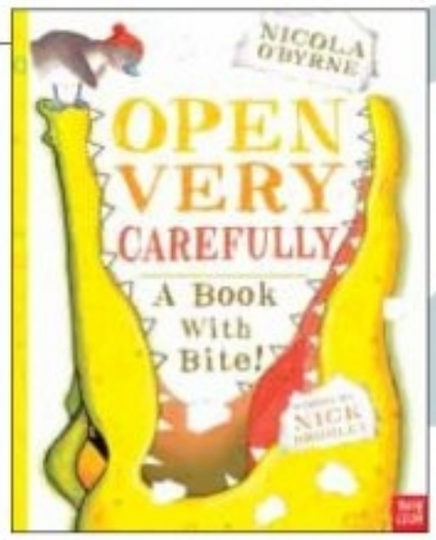


1 'Tiptoe Joe'

Read along as Beaver ("Slap! Slap"), Moose ("Thud!" Thud!"), Turkey ("Flap! Flap!") and other friends of the forest follow the quiet Tiptoe Joe and his red sneakers on a trek to see a little secret nestled deep into the woods.

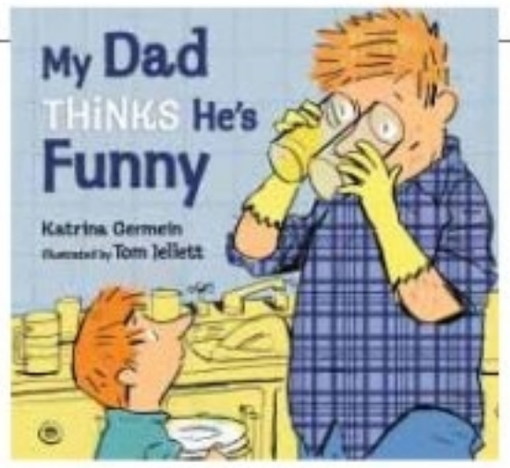


2 'Open Very Carefully: A Book With Bite!'

A wily crocodile finds his way into what should be "The Ugly Duckling" and overtakes the pages — gobbling up letters, then whole words, then complete sentences until you and your little one are instructed to shake the book to have him fall out. But what if he doesn't? Luckily, he's a hungry crocodile and will munch his way out of there.

3 'My Dad Thinks He's Funny'

This delightful little book of a dad being corny (with the eyerolls of his son to prove it) is the perfect Father's Day gift for any dad who considers himself a jokester — and the kid who maybe thinks otherwise.



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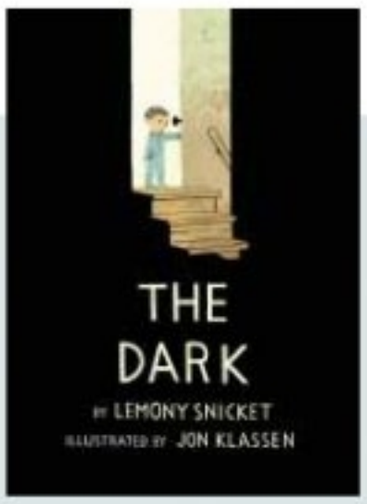

4 'The Dark'

The collaboration nerds (and their children) the world over have been waiting for, "The Dark" features text by best-selling author Lemony Snicket with genius drawings by Jon Klassen (the mastermind behind the instant classic "I Want My Hat Back") about a little boy who learns how to live with the unknown.

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Horoscope

♈ Aries | March 21 - April 20. To achieve some of your bigger objectives, you might have to do things in a circuitous way.

♉ Taurus | April 21 - May 21. Argumentative individuals will frustrate you, but the solution is obvious. Don't involve yourself with companions who overreact.

♊ Gemini | May 22 - June 20. Take nothing for granted in your commercial and personal dealings. You might think you have an agreement when all you've got is maybe.

♋ Cancer | June 21 - July 22. To get along well with someone who is pertinent to your plans, it might be necessary for you to make some concessions.

♌ Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. When sharing a job with others, be sure that no one person has more work to do than the others. Each must do his or her share.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. Be prepared to operate on your own if it becomes necessary. A friend upon whom you can depend might let you down.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. Be a good sport and pick up all the pieces after someone's temper tantrum. This person needs to be consoled, not chastised.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. It's rarely a good idea to get angry with someone just because he or she disagrees with you.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. Guard against inclinations to suddenly change course, especially when your goal is within reach. A shift in direction will do nothing.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. If you are not successful, it isn't due to a lack of good ideas. Your implementation might not be great.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. Be careful that you do not trip over your own shoelaces. The only obstacles in your path are the ones you put there yourself.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. If it's up to you to make plans for a get-together with friends, give thought to who is involved.

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Sudoku: Easy and hard

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How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Letters

Once taken, there's no going back

How can an inanimate object kill people? Simple: You put a person with a motive behind a car, a fork, knife, crossbow, gun or a metal pole, and they'll injure or kill someone. You take the tool away from the killer, the killer gets creative and uses other tools. Anyway, that's not entirely why I'm responding. Letter writer John Stuhr talks about putting sanctions on cars like there isn't enough anyway. They've been working on completely destroying the automotive hobby for years, due to unrelated events. There's nothing we automotive enthusiasts can do because we simply do not have the strength in numbers that would prevent such bills, don't let it happen to guns, people. Unless you want to simply hand your freedom over one day.

ELI JEAN, VIA E-MAIL

An analogy rotten as bad fruit

Re: "Cars, also a weapon" (Metro, April 15) How is your analogy faulty? Let me count the ways: 1) Guns are weapons, PERIOD, and were invented solely for killing either animals or people. It is the only tool that mankind uses that has that express purpose; 2) There ARE restrictions and government regulation of automobiles — got a license? Ahem; 3) Just like is done for cars, when moms get MAD, they insist on common-sense restrictions; 4) Yes, it certainly is healthier to take a bus or train. It's also healthier not to own military assault weapons and 30-clip magazines. Please, refrain from mixing apples and oranges, unless you're making fruit salad — or better, ambrosia.

KATE LERNER, VIA E-MAIL

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Keep them a brief as possible, preferably under 100 words. Metro reserves the right to edit all letters. Please include your name and contact info.

Crossword

Across

1 Wolfish look
5 Ale portions
10 Fizzy drink
14 — mater
15 Hayes or Asimov
16 Part of Q.E.D.
17 Pager's sound
18 Evening wrap
19 Salamander
20 Broaden, in a way
22 Same old same old
24 Hen
25 Movie theater
26 Costa —
28 Some stadiums
32 Art colony in New Mexico
35 P.O. service
37 Lasso parts
38 Joule fraction
39 Craggy abode
41 Absorb, as costs
42 Intrepid
45 — -fi flick
46 Without
47 Archaeology find
48 Dash
50 Fell short
54 Squander
58 More delightful
61 Clergy member
62 In a dither
63 Merrily
65 Green Hornet's valet
66 Prefix for "physics"
67 Keep — — out for
68 Hoople expletive
69 Orange skin
70 Sly tactics
71 Edit outh

Down

1 Sticker
2 Helen, in Spanish
3 Abrasive mineral
4 Light swords
5 "Oh, nonsense!"
6 Devotee
7 Wynonna's ma
8 Prey grabber
9 Public tiff
10 Peso fraction
11 Hydrox rival
12 Grassy expanse
13 Legal rep
21 Dernier —
23 Melville work
25 — au lait
27 Jagged rock
29 Between ports
30 Scrawny
31 Mach 1 breakers of yore
32 Kennedy and Koppel
33 What Hamlet smelled (2 wds.)
34 Horrible boss
36 JAMA readers
37 Buzz's capsule-mate
40 Froze over
43 Against the rules
44 Newman's "Hud" co-star
46 Had a candy bar
49 Dazzle
51 Stogie
52 Reeves of "The Matrix"
53 City, canal and lake
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56 Kind of eclipse
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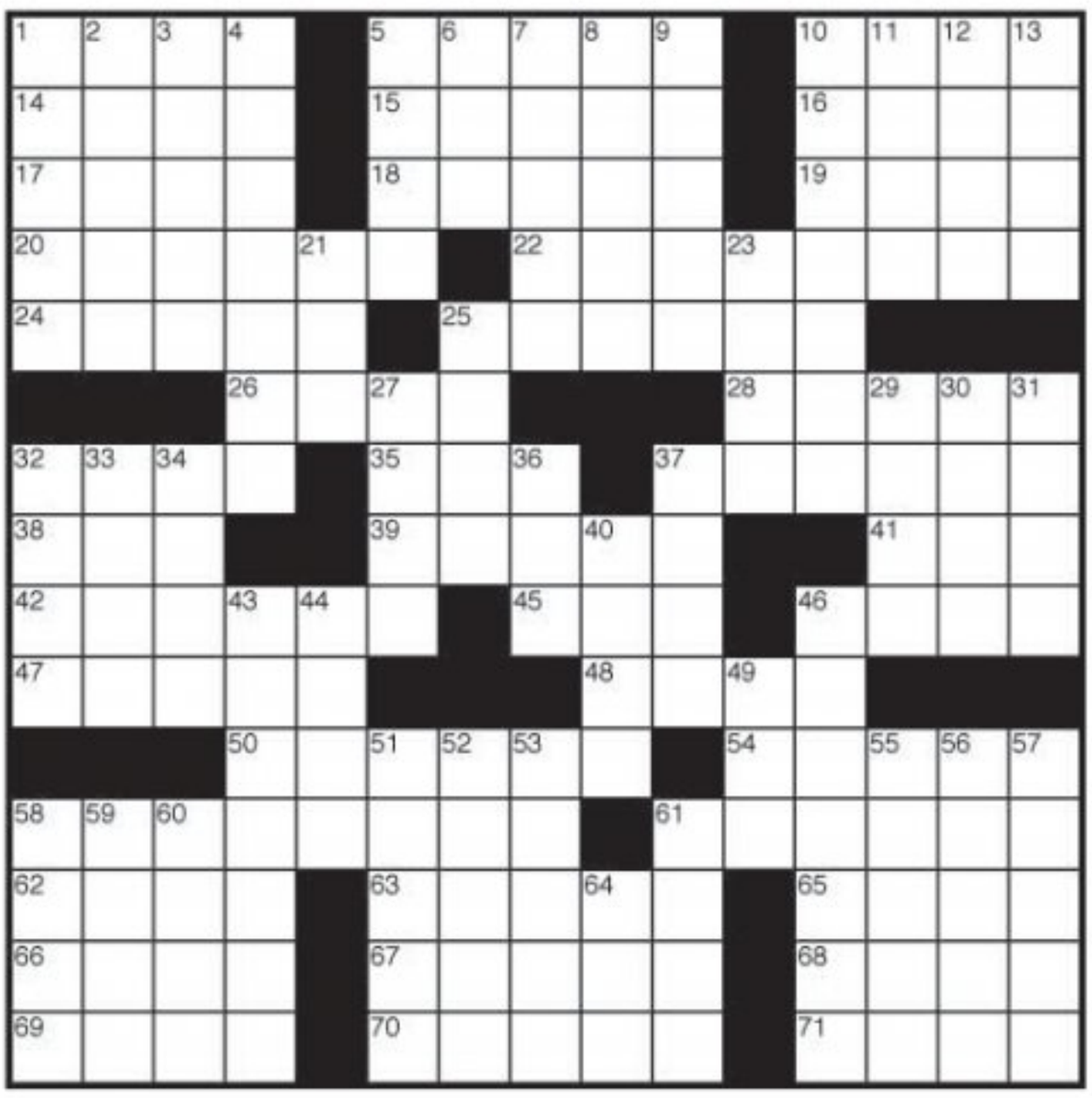

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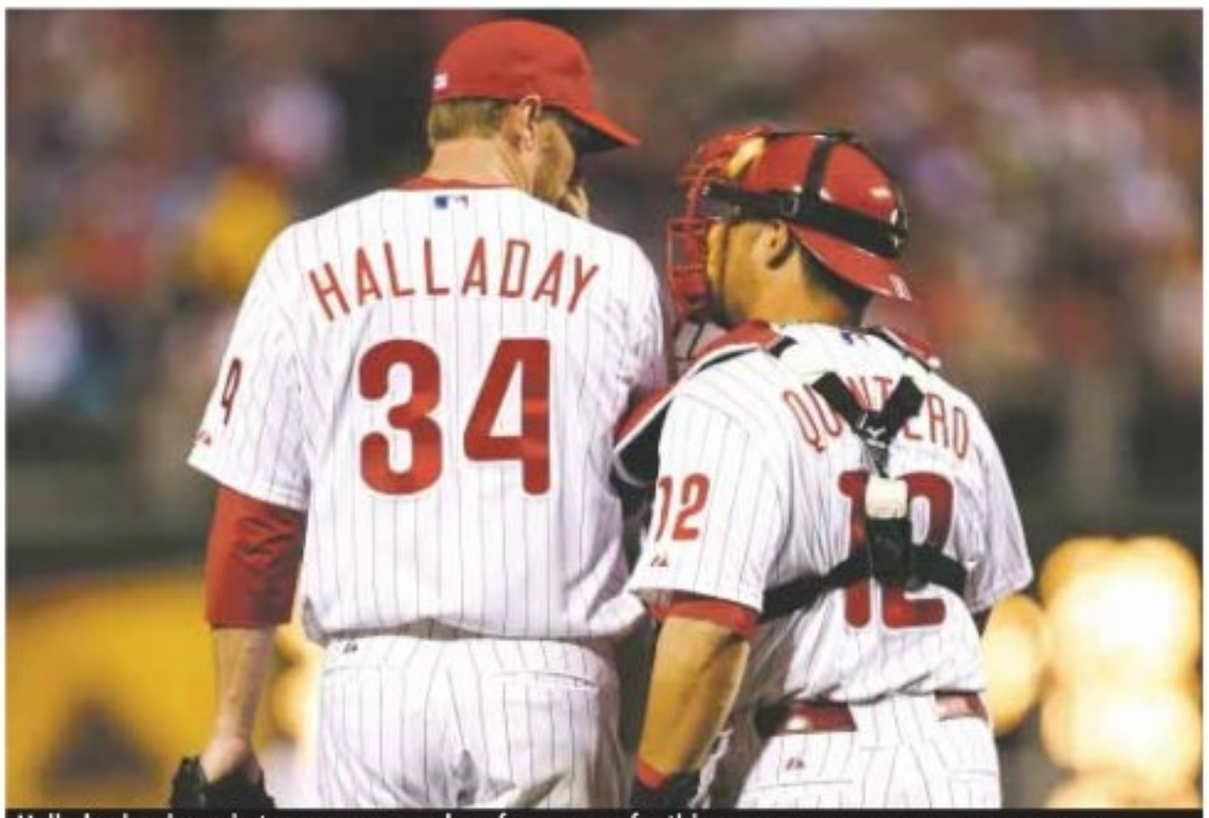

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CATALDI: ENDING FOR HALLADAY LIKELY TO BE SAD

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Watching Roy Halladay pitch these days is both jarring and sad. It is jarring because the memories of his brilliance are still fresh, memories of 2010's perfect game and playoff no-hitter and so many other masterful performances. It is sad because those days are over.

Halladay gave Phillies fans some reason for hope on Sunday when he pitched eight solid innings in a 2-1 win over the Marlins. Unfortunately, it is false hope because, even in victory, it is painfully obvious the proud pitcher has lost his fastball, lost his precise control, lost much of the amazing movement on his pitches.

And what makes every start so compelling is that he deserves a much better ending than this. His will to succeed is legendary, and his determination has not waned. The sweat pours off him as he tries to wrench another mile per hour or two out of an arm that has already delivered 2,695 big-league innings.

When Halladay waived his no-trade clause and came to Philadelphia three years ago, he had one overriding goal — to culminate his career with a championship. Now, at 35, he will not make it, at least in part because he got so old so fast. With three ace pitchers, the Phillies have a chance to defy the odds this season. With two aces? Forget it.

Even on Sunday, Halladay was impressive only when contrasted with the feeble nature of the offense he was facing. He rarely was able to throw the first pitch for a strike, never made it past 90 mph with his fastball and profited greatly from the generous dimensions of Miami's stadium.

Barring a sudden reversal of fortune, Halladay will get annihilated by Atlanta or Washington with the same lackluster pitches he slipped past the Marlins. All he really has left now is his desire to succeed. It won't be enough.

Halladay is one of the smartest pitchers ever to play the game, and he is no fool at this fragile point in his career. After he was bludgeoned by the Mets (the Mets!) last week, he hinted at his career demise when he spoke about having fun again playing baseball and about the great life the game has given him.

"My son sent me a text: 'You're my hero,'" Halladay said in a soul-searching news conference that was unusual for the normally unemotional, robotic man. "That means a lot."

Halladay will be a hero regardless of how this season unfolds. Unfortunately, heroes in real life don't always get to write their own happy endings. And, more and more with every start, it's becoming obvious that Roy Halladay's ending will not be a happy one at all.

Cataldi, on Halladay

"Unfortunately, heroes in real life don't always get to write their own happy endings."

3 SPORTS

Everybody out

Draft adds names

A handful of elite prospects were added for the NBA Draft yesterday, led by Kentucky's Nerlens Noel. Noel, who tore his ACL last season, was the top recruit in the country last season. Despite the injury, he's still a likely Top 5 pick. Maryland's Alex Len, Georgia's Kentavious Caldwell-Pope and Georgetown's Otto Porter Jr. were also declared.

Cueto out

Cueto put on DL

The Red have lost their ace indefinitely after he was placed on the 15-day DL yesterday with lower back pain. Manager Dusty Baker said he would be out for "hopefully only three, maybe four starts," but then added, "we're really not putting a timetable on it."

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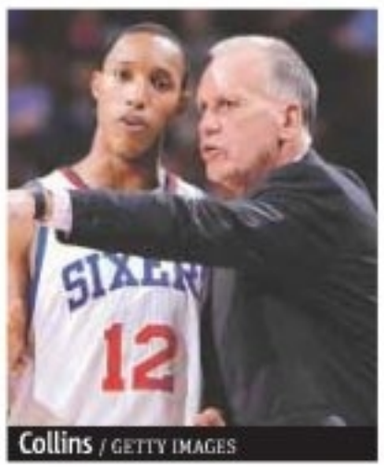
Opinion. Don't let the door hit you on the way out, Doug Collins

Doug Collins doesn't like the people who run the Sixers, and his bosses have had enough of his manic, obnoxious behavior. The coach will be gone by Thursday, a failure at his goal of reviving the franchise.

The sad truth is that Collins was terrible at his job over the past three years. He bungled the development of Evan Turner, completely ignored the rebounding talents of Nik Vucevic, failed to turn Andre Iguodala into a leader, and — oh, yes — advised fans who had lost thousands on worthless tickets to "pray" for lazy, no-show center Andrew Bynum.

Yes, Collins did oversee the progress of Jrue Holiday, he did lead the Sixers deep into the second round of the playoffs last season (thanks to the Derrick Rose injury) and he revived some interest in the moribund franchise, at least initially. He was better than Eddie Jordan. Whoopie.



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During this meltdown, Collins became the kind of tone-deaf ingrate he never was as a player. The speculation now is that he planted the story Sixers owners don't want him back, to pave the way for a smooth departure.

It's usually hard to say goodbye. But not this time. This time, it's not just goodbye to Doug Collins. It's good riddance.

ANGELO CATALDI

Opinion

Flyers asleep all season

The furor over whether Ilya Bryzgalov fell asleep during a team meeting last week is nothing more than a silly diversion during a lost season. The real question everyone should be asking is whether the Flyers were in a coma when they decided to invest $51 million in a petulant goaltender? And we all know the answer.

The disastrous decision to bring a head case into a city that really cares about hockey was the handiwork of overrated GM Paul Holmgren and over-the-hill chairman Ed Snider. As usual, however, they are escaping most of the blame here. Why? Because both have lifetime passes.

Was Bryzgalov sleeping last week? Maybe he was. Maybe we all are. Maybe this whole season is just a bad dream. ANGELO CATALDI

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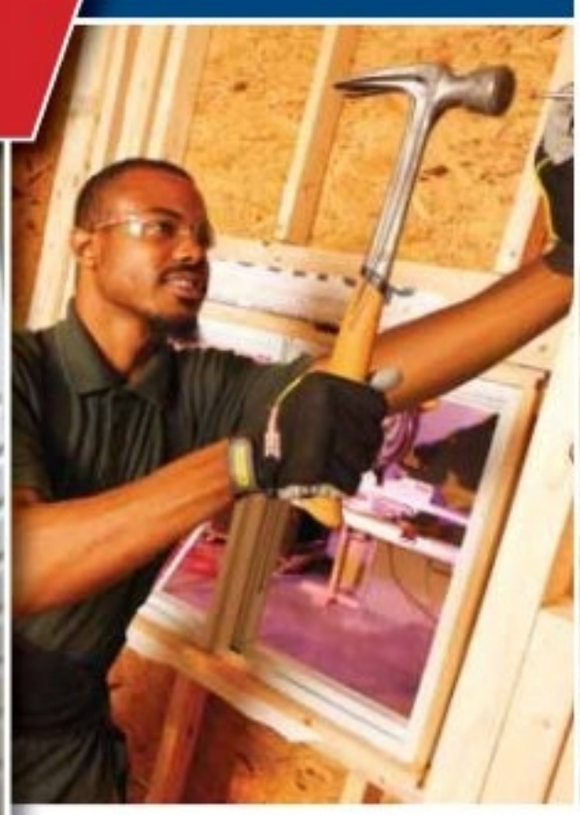

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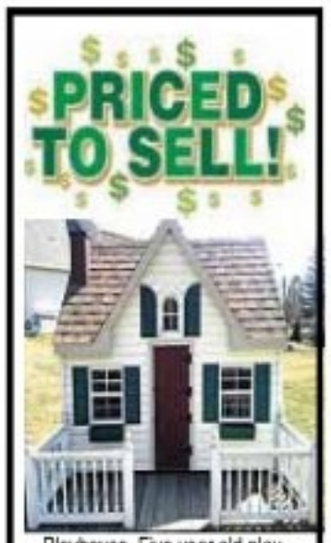

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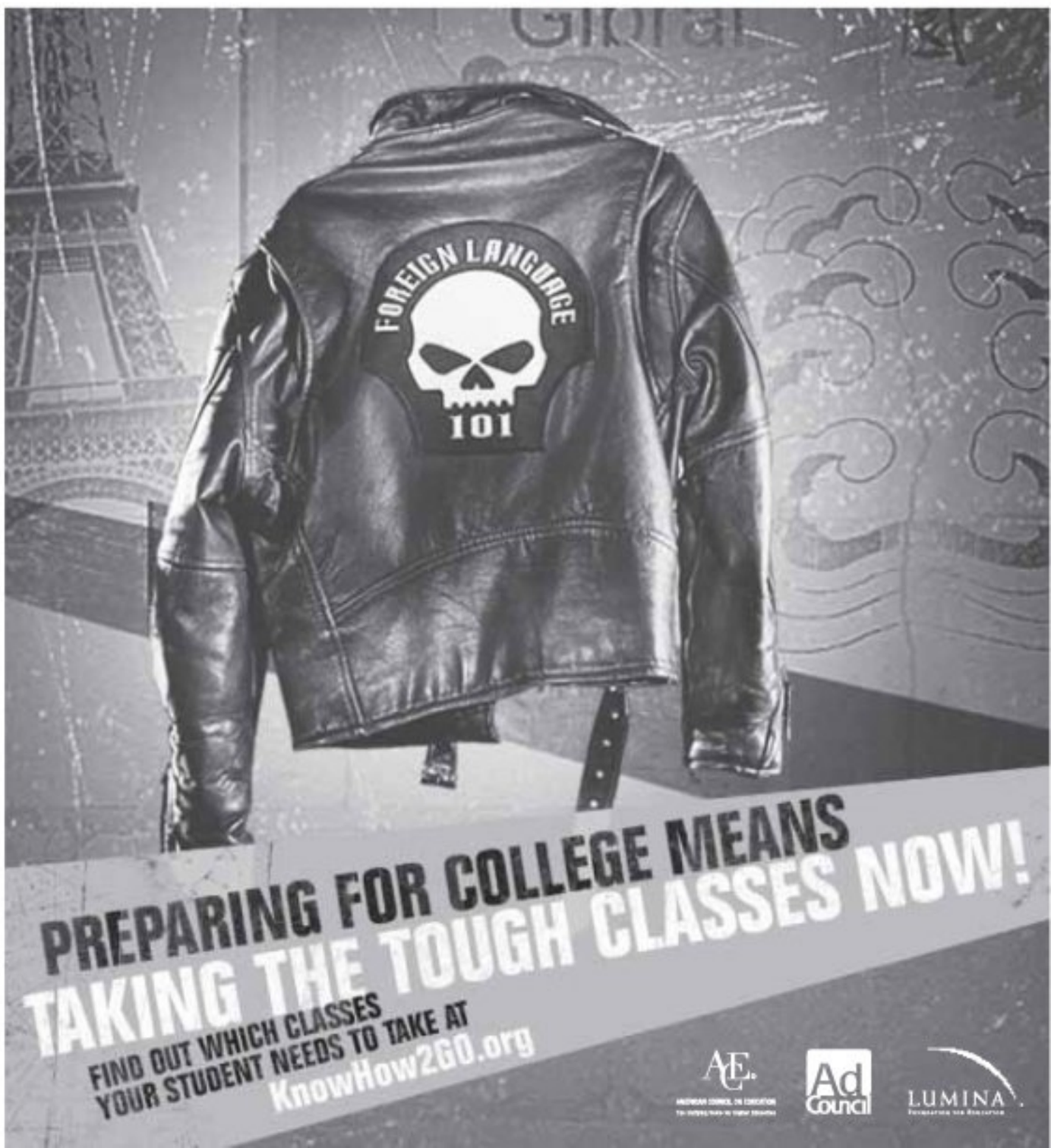

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